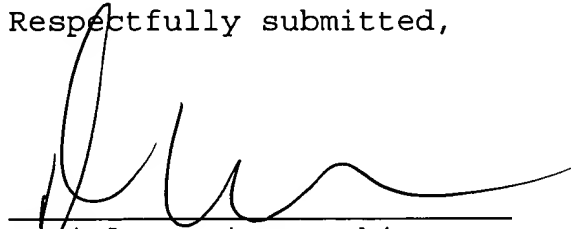


REMARKS

Claims 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Levan (U.S. Patent No. 5,956,346) in view of Mizutani (U.S. pub. No. 20030043771). Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-11 stand allowed. Claims 12-13 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-2, 5-7 and 10-11 are pending.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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